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EXAMINING GLOBAL WARMING

Local Scientist and Author to Lecture at Solvang and Central Libraries

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The public is invited to join local scientist and author James Lawrence Powell for two free community lectures titled, "Global Warming –Thinking it Through Together."

The first lecture will be held at the Solvang Veterans' Memorial Hall, 1745 Mission Drive, Solvang, on Wednesday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. It is co-sponsored by the Santa Ynez Valley Natural History Society and the Santa Barbara Public Library System, as part of this spring's "Green@YourLibrary" program series. Powell will also be speaking at 6:30 p.m. the following night, April 19, in the Faulkner Gallery of the Santa Barbara Central Library, 40 E. Anapamu St.

"If you are curious about the debate over global warming, this program will provide a good opportunity to reason it through together," Powell said. "You don't have to be a scientist to understand the evidence," he added.

Powell received his Ph.D. in Geochemistry from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his distinguished career has included positions as a college teacher, college president, and museum director. Both Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush appointed Powell to the National Science Board. He is the author of nine books on earth science for general audiences, including *Grand Canyon: Solving Earth's Grandest Puzzle* and *Dead Pool: Lake Powell, Global Warming, and the Future of Water in the West*. He taught at Oberlin College and served as its acting president. He has also been president of Franklin and Marshall College, Reed College, the Franklin Institute Science Museum in Philadelphia, and the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History. He currently serves as executive director of the National Physical Science Consortium.

"Those who have attended any of Jim Powell's previous lectures can vouch that you will not want to miss this event," said John Evarts, lecture chair for the natural history society. "We are excited to host a talk by a scientist who has closely studied this issue," Evarts added.

There will be time after the program for discussion and, at the Solvang event, a book signing with the author.

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